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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 13, 2003, please amend this application as shown in the attached sheets.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and further examination is respectfully requested. The application includes claims 1-16. Claims 4 and 11 are cancelled by this amendment. Claims 17-28 are added. Reexamination and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1,3,8 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Mizrahi, U.S. Patent 6,069,719. Claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Riza, U.S. Patent 6,525,863.

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